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1. FOLLOWING LETTER RECEIVED TODAY FROM ICELAND VIA THE GATT SECRETARIAT. NOTE ITS CONSISTENCY WITH NORDIC POSITION ON THIS SUBJECT. (REFTELS)

QUOTE I SHOULD LIKE TO REFER TO YOUR LETTER OF 24 JUNE 1975 BY WHICH A LETTER OF 12 JUNE 1975 FROM THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION CONCERNING MEASURES NOTIFIED BY THAT DELEGATION UNDER THE PROCEDURE AGREED AT THE APRIL 1975 MEETING OF THE SUB-GROUP "QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS" IS TRANSMITTED.

THE ICELANDIC DELEGATION NOTES THAT THE MEASURES NOTIFIED REFER TO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS IN BTN CHAPTERS 1-24. IN THIS CONNEXION, I WISH TO RECALL THE DISCUSSION IN THE SUB-GROUP WHERE SOME DELEGATIONS UNCLASSIFIED

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INDICATED THEIR INTENTION TO DISCUSS QUANTITATIVE

RESTRICTIONS RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS IN THE GROUP "AGRICULTURE". FURTHERMORE, THE GROUP "NON-TARIFF MEASURES" AT ITS JUNE 1975 MEETING AGREED TO BRING THE DISCUSSION IN THE SUB-GROUP "QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS" TO THE ATTENTION OF THE GROUP "AGRICULTURE". IT MAY THEREFORE BE EXPECTED THAT THE GROUP "AGRICULTURE" WILL DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES TO CONSIDER QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, THE ICELANDIC DELEGATION WISHES TO DEFER DISCUSSIONS AND CONSULTATIONS ON THE NOTIFICATION MADE BY THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION PENDING AGREEMENT IN THE GROUP "AGRICULTURE" ON PROCEDURES TO CONSIDER QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. UNQUOTEMCNAMARA

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